

A
LETTER

Sent from both Houses of
PARLIAMENT,

To His Excellency

S^r Thomas Faifax,

Vpon Tuesday the third of
August. 1647.

Die Martis, 3 Augusti. 1647.

O*Ordered by the Lords in Parlia-
ment Assembled, that this Let-
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Jo. Browne Cler. Parl.

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St Thomas Easton

August 1647

to the Honorable
the Lord of the Treasury
at the Exchequer

To the Honorable Sir John

Oldham



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Letter from both Houses of Parliament
 to his Excellencie *Sir Thomas Fairfax*, up-
 on Tuesday the third of *August*, 1647.

SIR,



WE E are commanded by both Houses of Parliament, to acquaint you, that (by reason the late Speakers had withdrawn themselves) the Houses made choice of us to be their respective Speakers; and that on Friday last a Letter was sent unto you from both Houses, to let you know, that the Parliament was in safetie by the care of the Lord Maior, Aldermen, Common-Councell, and Militia of the Citie of *London*, and free from danger of any Tumults; And that to prevent such mischiefes as might attend the neerer approach of the Army, you should not suffer the Army to come neerer this Citie then thirtie miles, according to the Orders of both Houses then sent unto you; To which Letter no answer hath as yet beene returned.

Wee are therefore commanded to let you know, That as your obedience and answer thereunto have beene hitherto expected, so the Houses being informed, that not-

withstanding the said Letter and Orders, the body of the Army is drawne up much neerer this Citie then thirtie miles, contrary to the expectation of the Parliament, and tending to the terror and astonishment of the Citie; whence besides the straightning the Citie of Provisions, sundry other mischiefes may follow; Both Houses therefore have thought fit, hereby to require you, that you cause such of the Army as are already marched neerer then thirtie miles, forthwith to draw back to that distance, and that no part of it come neerer then thirtie miles of this Citie according to the said Orders, Copies whereof are here inclosed.

Wee are also commanded to signifie unto you, That as to the disorderly carriage of some Apprentices and others at *Westminster* on the 26 day of *July* last, the same is already put into a way of Examination, and the Houses are resolved, that thereupon such further course shall be taken as shall be agreeable to Justice.

The Houses have also received Information, that on the last Lords day in the morning, and within three or foure miles of this place a partie of Horse of that Army under the command of Major *Desborough* in hostile manner fell upon divers persons, who were in a peaceable condition, and were Quartered there by authority of Parliament untill they should get their Arreares and be disbanded, as was formerly Ordered, some of them were murthered, others of them wounded, and divers of them stript and carryed away, pinnioned prisoners, and divers Horse and Armes forceably taken away without any provocation given; That another part of the Forces under your command, have surprised and seized upon *Tilbury* Block-house in *Essex* upon the River of Thames,

Thames; That the Houses have scene Copies of severall Warrants alledged to be signed by your selfe, and the Officers under your command for the rayfing of the Trained Bands, and Forces of the Countrey as you passe to joyne with you, for which you had never had any authoritie of Parliament.

That the Houses are also informed, that you have given order for the Levying Money or Provisions on the Countrey contrary to the Lawes of the Land, and in violation of the Rights and Freedome of the Subject; That the House of Commons hath also received advertisement from Sir *Samuel Luke* Knight, a Member of that House; that a partie of Dragoones of the Army, by your Warrant, and a Warrant of one Major *Tulyday*, did on the last Lords day assault his person, and by force carry him away prisoner from his owne house, to what place wee know not, and wee cannot heare that he is yet released, which the Houses require you to see presently done: And as they hold it strange, that such Acts of violence intrenching, not onely on the Libertie, but also on the lives of the Subject, and the Priviledges of Parliament, should be done, especially if it be by any direction of yours, so they cannot but Represent them, and the more, not onely for the blood therein spilt, but also for that those Actions (at this time) are so farre from conducing to the happy Peace that both Houses have so earnestly indeavoured, and doe still labour to procure, and to ease the Kingdome of charge, that they can be understood to be no other then Acts of Hostilitie, and the beginnings of a new Warre, and the increasing of a charge upon the Countrey by force of Armes, without any manner of cause or authority.

Lastly,

Lastly, wee are commanded to acquaint you with a Complaint of a high nature, made by the Commissioners of the Parliament of *Scotland* against some of the Army, for violation of the Law of Nations, and the Treaty concluded between both Kingdomes, as may appeare unto you by a Copy of their Letter, which wee send you here inclosed: And considering that the proceedings they complaine of, may prove of dangerous consequence to both Kingdomes, and tends to the imbroyling of both Nations in a new Warre, if a course be not taken to prevent it. The Houses therefore have thought fit to require you to informe your selfe fully therein, and to give them a speedy and full account of the businesse; to the end that they may returne such an Answer as may become them to the Commissioners of the Parliament of *Scotland*. This is all we have in Command.

We rest

Your loving Friends,

HUNSDON, Speaker of
the House of Peeres *pro*
tempore.

H. PELLHAM Speaker of
the House of Commons.

30. July



30. *July* 1647.

ORdered by the Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament,
That the Generall bee required not to
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And in case his Army, or any part
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they goe backe.

John Browne Cler. Parliam.

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THE HISTORY OF THE
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